

FBA Meeting, 8 PM  
Monday, February 24  
SPEAKER: CONG. GILBERT GILBERT

The

Pillsbury Hall  
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## DEPUTY MAYOR ADDRESSES FBA

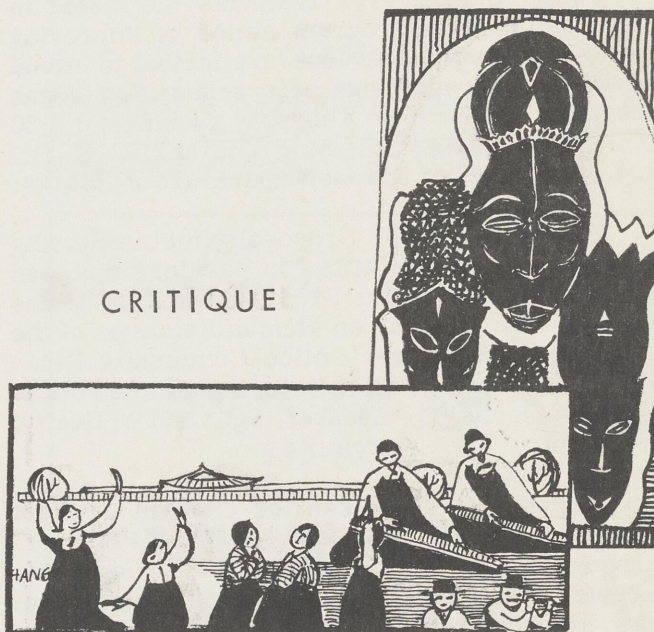
The most important first step toward self-government for the District of Columbia would be the immediate election of a non-voting representative to Congress, said Deputy Mayor Thomas Fletcher in his fact-filled talk to the Foggy Bottom Association on January 27. An enclave having a population of 850,000, larger than that of 11 states, D.C. needs a constitutional amendment to guarantee a minimum of one elected voting representative in Congress, with a provision to add congressmen as the population grows. Until this amendment passes, a non-voting representative (like those of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) can serve as the people's voice, ears, and envoy to Congressmen who control the city's funds.

Self-government is crucial to any real solution of our crime, housing, and education problems, according to Mr. Fletcher. But in the meantime, a new campaign against crime is underway in the city. Steps are being taken, Mr. Fletcher indicated, to raise the police force to 4100, partly through use of more up-to-date written and physical tests. A new drug, Methadone, is proving useful in combatting narcotics addiction, a basic cause of mounting robbery statistics. Other important problems that feed crime are substandard housing and lack of jobs. The unemployment rate fails to show those who have given up and don't apply.

After 95 years without elected officials, we now have an elected School Board, but Mr. Fletcher pointed out that its powers are less than in other communities, where the board is independent, answering only to the state. Here, the Board depends on the D.C. government for funds.

What can we do? Write to your congressman, if you have one, and to members of the House District Committee, urging the election of a non-voting representative to Congress, and expressing your support for local autonomy for Washington. Keep informed, and use the FB Association to express your views and needs.

## CRITIQUE



John F. Kennedy's spirit seems to live on in the weathering billboard art along the E St. Expressway east of the Kennedy Center. Looking at them you imagine the inspiration drawn from his words "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

The same spirit that inspired the good will of the world and the youth of the Peace Corps seems to have moved these young artists of many lands and states - moved them to picture in their anguish his high hopes for them.

The two fragments of the paintings reproduced here (Liberia and Korea) are a very small sampling of the many that delight the eye and move the mind to thought.

Now a part of the National History, their best must be preserved... another compelling reason for a Foggy Bottom community center such as historic Law House Center near Carrollburg Square in the Southwest. The Kennedy Center outdoor art can still be seen but needs protecting. Look at it and agree with us.



**Foggy Bottom Association officers:** Charles Schoeneman, Pres.; Eleanor Becker, V. Pres.; Lucy Briggs, Secy.; Harriet Gruger, Treas.; Rev. F. Everett Abbott, Rev. Richard Martin, John Fanning, Wm. Lattin, Members of Executive Board. **F.B. News staff:** Bob Anderson, Editor; Bill Lattin, Feature Editor; Margaret Pallansch, Ellie Becker, Leslie Wilder, Contributing Editors.

### POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERIES

Foggy Bottom area residents interested in participating in a program aimed at improving police-community relations are invited to attend the final three meetings of a series that began February 6. Held on Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room at 2107 N St., N.W., the subjects and participants are as follows:

**February 20** — Proposals for improving police-community relations in Washington as seen by: The Black United Front — speaker, Charles Cassell; The Council on Human Relations of the D.C. Government; the Police-Community Relations Section of the Police Department; The Policemen's Association — speaker, Sgt. Carl W. Beatty, president.

**March 6** — What can the citizens do about police-community relations in the Third Precinct? Suggestions by: Dr. Ed Elkins, psychologist interested in encounter groups; Mr. Lux, Institute of Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.

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**Mar. 24:** "Happy Anniversary," funny frustrations of a French husband; "Collette," life of the French novelist; "String Bean," a wispy old woman wins our sympathy; "Marc Chagall," intimate picture of the artist and his work.

-- more next month --

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## FOGGY DOINGS

One of FB's busiest residents is seeing her neighborhood more regularly now. MARGARET CULHANE has moved from her busy job on the Hill to the GWU campus and is working as administrative assistant to the university's Budget Director. She's enrolled in some classes at night, too. ... If we didn't know better, we'd wonder if JOE POLICELLI is running a dry cleaning establishment or an art mart. In addition to the paintings in his window, murals of scenes in FB are adorning the walls at Diplomat.

One of the murals shows St. Stephen's, which reminds me of the interesting programs being held there on Thursday nights. Currently ministers and laymen from all the churches in the area are appearing to discuss their respective Christian missions. Can't think of a better base for ecumenical understanding.

ALEX TOBEY, who had his jewelry shop for years on Pennsylvania Avenue, invites his former customers to visit his new watch shop on Colesville Road in Silver Spring. ... We heard recently from LINDA TERRY, who has a new job and apartment (with small dog) in Syracuse, New York.

For the second time, we were surprised at how different a public official looks in person than on TV. First was Patrick Murphy when he

spoke at the FBA meeting some months ago; DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS FLETCHER was the second. At the last meeting, he was taller and handsomer than he appears through the television lens. One person in the audience not surprised was Eye Street's KATHERINE STOKES, who works for him.

The family of MRS. LAURA H. BROWN has told us the sad news that she passed away on Thanksgiving Day. She had lived for many years at 957 - 25th Street.

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All of these sights and sounds turn me to Bolgiano's red-covered seed and flower catalog. You can get one in the mail by phoning 549-4800. It's not too early to start your favorite flowers from seed. 7 or 8 weeks from outside planting time is about right.

Mary Lande

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